BARRY COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY 915West Green Street Hastings, Michigan 49058	
CATEGORY: Recipient Rights **SUBJECT: RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**	**Page: 1 of 2**
Effective Date: 5/14/96 **Approved By: _____** Executive Director **Reviewed:**	**REQUIRED BY:** **Mental Health Code** **Administrative Rules** **BCCMHA Policies and Procedures**

Purpose:

The Recipient Rights Advisory Committee shall be established by the Community Mental Health Board. The RRAC shall serve to advise the Board, Executive Director and the Rights Officer in areas relating to recipient rights. More specifically the committee shall:

Protect the Rights Office from pressures, which could interfere with the impartial, evenhanded and thorough performance of its duties.

Recommend candidates to head the Office of Recipient Rights to the Executive Director when a vacancy occurs. The committee will be consulted with prior to actions of dismissal of the Rights Officer.

Serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director and the Recipient Rights Officer.

Meet at least semiannually, or as often as is necessary to carry out the responsibilities required by the MDHHS Administrative Rules (7037.1).

Be drawn from CMH Board Members and staff, contract agency staff, government officials, attorneys and mental health consumers. A current list of committee members, names and the interests they represent, shall be maintained and available upon request.

At least 1/3 of the membership are primary consumers or family members. At least 1/2 of the above 1/3 are primary consumers as required by MHC 757[1].

Review and comment on the operation and funding of the Office of Recipient Rights on an annual basis to assure compliance with rights protection requirements throughout the Board's service delivery system.

The Recipient Rights Advisory Committee shall review new and revised policies and procedures that pertain to rights protection and make recommendations to the Board regarding their approval.

The Recipient Rights Advisory Committee shall act as the Appeals Committee as appointed by the Full Board.

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee meetings complied with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. This is done via an advertisement in the local papers as well as postings in and around the agency.